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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

M. MILLERAND RECEIVES VISCOUNT ISHII.

A *News* message states that M. Millerand, officially received Viscount Ishii who handed over his credential letters.

HUGE TURKISH DEFICIT.

A *News* message states that the French, British, and Italian representatives in Constantinople on the administration of the Ottoman public debt took over control of the Turkish finances and customs, whose total deficit is over £30,000,000.

UNITED SERVICES FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

INSANE PASSENGER.

AMOK ABOARD SHIP.

EXCITEMENT ON VOYAGE TO HONGKONG.

The Hongkong United Services Football League held its annual meeting in the Victoria Barracks last evening. Mr. Birkenshaw being elected to the chair in the absence of the President and Vice-President. Master Gunner May, R.G.A., gave his annual report, as follows:— Gentlemen, in presenting to you my report on the U.S. League season of 1919-20, I wish to say that owing to the very short period of the League the season was not so successful as was expected. Owing to the late arrival of the ships on the station, it was not until January 14 that a start could be made in the League. Eight Service teams entered, six naval and two military, and owing to the late start, it was decided that only Service teams should be allowed to compete. The "Carlisle," who headed the League, received early orders to leave for the north, and they played their last match on Feb. 16, so that you will notice that only four weeks' play was possible with all the League teams on the station. In the four weeks the "Carlisle" rushed through 12 matches, which no doubt greatly altered the standard of play usually seen between Service teams. However, the men of the "Carlisle" are to be congratulated for trying so hard to complete their League programme before leaving for the north. "Tamar" played 13 and won 10. "Tamar" played 10 and won 7. "Hawkins" played 8 and won 5. "Wiltshires" played 11 and won 5. "Ambrose" (A) played 10 and won 3. "Aksrity" played 9 and won 2. "Ambrose" (B) played 9 and won 1. "Marzian" played 10 and won 1. In accordance with Rule No. 10 of the League, the "Carlisle" were declared the winners of the League.

Referees.—At the annual meeting it was also decided that the League should run its own Referees' Board to deal with all questions affecting referees for the season. Mr. Birkenshaw, R.N., was appointed Hon. Secretary and carried out his duties exceedingly well. On the arrival of the "Titan" and her submarines, and the military drafts, an exhibition match was played on the H.K.F.C. ground for the benefit of the League and resulted in the sum of \$82.85 being added to the funds. The H.K.F.C. generously lent their ground and stand free for the occasion, and our best thanks are due to them for this favour. The Balance Sheet shows a credit of \$99.77.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I wish to bring to your notice that at the annual meeting of the H.K.F.C. held in May last, a resolution was passed stating that Rule No. 2 of the Association should be strictly enforced. This is the rule regarding affiliation to the H.K. Association. The report was heartily received and a vote of thanks accorded Master Gunner May for his services.

The election of officers for the coming season resulted as follows: President, the General Officer Commanding; Vice-President, the Commodore; Chairman, Major Timmins, 2nd Wilt.; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. J. J. (Mate), H.M.S. "Ambrose"; Referees' Sec., Mr. Birkenshaw. Also on the Board, Major Timmins and Chief Stoker Dryton of the "Curlew."

The entries for the forthcoming season are to be sent to Master Gunner May not later than the 25th of this month. If enough entries are received it may be possible to form First and Second Divisions, but it will hardly be possible to allow civilian teams to enter again this season, as the H.K. League will be on until the 28th Feb. next, for the First Division, and the end of March for the Second Division. The U.S. League will be played by mid-week fixtures. The Naval portion also having to play off the Naval League fixtures, and the Small Boats League also being in pro-

gress, the teams entered from the Services will have their hands full to complete their matches. Then again the grounds will not be available as early as was expected. Up to the present the probable entries are "Ambrose," "Tamar," "Carlisle," "Curlew," "Wiltshires," R.G.A., and probably the R.9. and Staffs and Departments. The secretaries are asked to send in the applications as soon as possible, stating whether they are desirous of entering the First or Second Division League. The entrance fee will be the same as last season, \$15.

The one difficulty seems up to the present to be the scarcity of referees.

Surely there are plenty of old players

who will take on the job, grunted

that at the best of times it is one of

the most thoughtless jobs of all sporting

games. If there are any gentlemen

in the Colony who are willing to re

ferree them, they are again asked to send

their names along to the Referees' Secretary, Master Gunner May, for

the H.K. League, or to Mr. Birkenshaw of H.M.S. "Ambrose" for the

U.S. League.

Last season the U.S. League had

a Referees' Board meeting and a lec

ture was given on the candidates on the

game in general, by black board and

chessmen, questions were asked and

answered. May we suggest that be

fore the League starts, someone of the

League officials call a public football

meeting for all players and officials

and give a football lecture. There

are lots of splendid players who can

always be told lots of things on the

rules of the game.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 4.08
To-day's opening rate 4.14

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ANTHRAX.

LONDON, October 4.
The country is alarmed at the sixth fatal case of anthrax, out of twenty-two, which has occurred through the use of shaving brushes imported from Japan.

It transpired at the inquest that thousands of these brushes were distributed throughout the country (and were at present being offered for sale) before the order which prohibited their importation was issued.

A medical authority testified to the fact that some Japanese brushes, accompanied by a certificate of freedom from anthrax were found to be heavily infected.

The Coroner urged the Government to order the withdrawal of all Japanese brushes from the market, compensating the shopkeepers for the loss of the brushes.

BOLSHEVIEK CONCESSIONS.

WASHINGTON, October 2nd.—The State Department has inquired informally of the Peking Government as regards the reported Chinese acceptance of certain concessions recently made by Russian Bolsheviks.

It is understood that the action is a sequel to the Chinese Mandate of September 2nd suspending all Russian rights in China and requesting the withdrawal of the diplomatic representatives of the old Kerensky Government.

NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR.

PARIS, October 2nd.—A *News* message says:—Viscount Ishii upon taking his duties as Japanese Ambassador visited the Premier, M. Léger.

PARIS, October 1st.—A *News* message says:—Viscount Ishii, in an interview with the *Excell'or* representative, said that every effort is to be devoted to maintaining and strengthening friendly intercourse between France and Japan. Peace must be placed on a firm basis through the execution of the Versailles Treaty and developing the League of Nations. Japan will be happy to go alongside France towards a higher civilization and progress.

LAWN BOWLS.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE FINAL GAME.

The final game of the Singles Championship of the Colony will be played on Police Ground on Thursday, Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. between J. Mc. Lachlan (Taikoo) and D. Muir (Kowloon).

The match winners of the League (Kowloon) versus the Rest will take place on Kowloon Greens on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 3 p.m.

The Rest are expected to supply one rink from each Club.

The prizes for the League Championship and Open Championship will be presented after the match.

A 16-year old Chinese girl was yesterday admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to her head caused through being knocked down by motor cycle No. 106 in Des Vaux Road West. Her condition is not serious.

The American Mixed Doubles Sealed Handicap Tournament which could not be played on Saturday October 2 1920 on account of rain, has been postponed till Saturday November 13. Additional entries will be accepted by the Hon. Sec. to the No. 1 Boy at the Club House up to Saturday, Nov. 6.

A fine of \$100 was imposed this morning by Magistrate Orme on an officer of the Kwongtung army who accepted responsibility for 550 rounds of revolver ammunition and seven bayonets found on a launch which arrived here from Canton. Mr. C. F. Mason, who appeared for four of the six Chinese who travelled on the launch, explained that the arms had been carried by the defendant, who, with his three men had been escorting two salt merchants through the string line from Bocca Tigris to Hongkong, as a precaution against possible attack in the un-settled country round Canton. Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the first defendant. The arms were confiscated.

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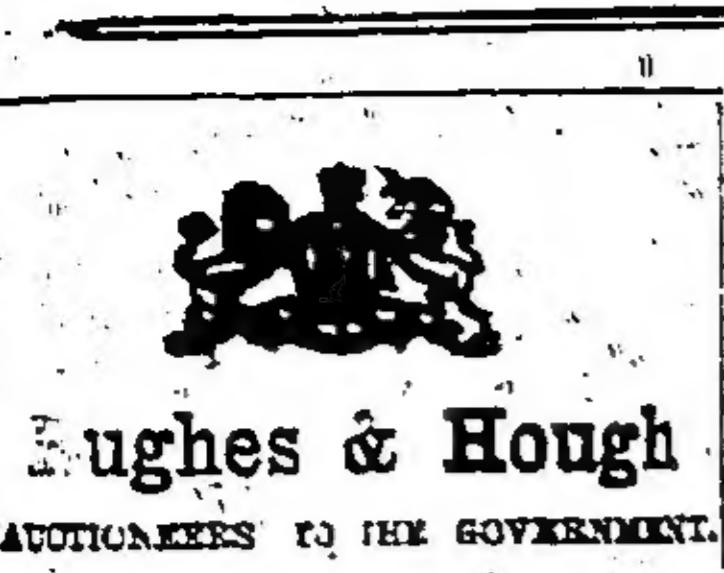
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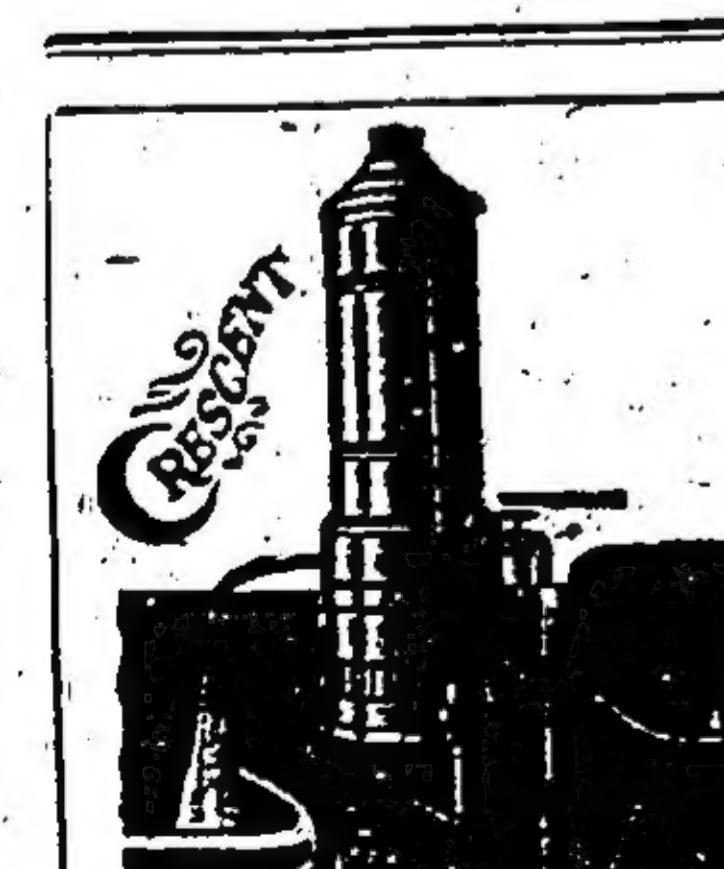
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G. A. BURN,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, October 4, 1920.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the CITY HALLS on THURSDAY, the 13th October, 1920, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st August 1920, electing office bearers for the ensuing year, etc.

R. J. PATERSON,
A. J. H. Secretary.
Hongkong, October 1, 1920.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6, 1920.

INDO-CHINAS AND THE GUILDS.

The importance, not only to our sea-faring friends but, to "trade generally, of the pronouncement made at to-day's meeting of Indo-China shareholders, is so great, that we ought to take more time over necessary comments. It means serious strike.

Nevertheless, before we publish a considered article dealing with facts and figures and principles as they should be dealt with, the exigencies of journalism, to say nothing of the injustice of public opinion being prejudiced by an unquestioned *ex parte* publication, require that we should come out with a few remarks in the same issue as the report appears.

We have read, hastily but with care, the speech of the chairman of the meeting, and are struck with the fact that it is a conspicuous illustration of the honest adage that one tale is good, only until another is told.

We have here a point of view so antiquated and out-of-date that we should have expected it to be impossible in 1920. It sounds more like an echo of the by-gone battles against the now accepted principle of collective bargaining than the considered utterance of a modern business man. The remark, aimed at the Guilds, about "unwarranted interference" between employer and employee" is staggeringly archaic; and we can assure the speaker that he will find he cannot establish his right to negotiate with employees while ignoring the Guilds" (a plain breach, by the way, of the first clause of the agreement made in May 1916) nor even the right he seems so sure of, to employ non-members. "Dictation" is a word with an ugly sound, but Trades Unionism has established as an elementary principle and condition what the Chairman, in a Rip van Winkle sort of way, persists in regarding as intolerable tyranny. We shall return to this later.

As regards figures, we request the public to suspend judgment until they are complete. Those given disclose serious omissions, such as the numbers of men and ships taken in computing the gross wages paid. Taking them as given to the shareholders, we are bound

area at Home, by separate bodies, because it is so best done. Kowloon has grown big enough to occupy the full attention of a board of its own residents, and we believe there is justification for Kowloon complaints of neglect. What follows is that if the departments on this side were to devote more attention to Kowloon, we should be neglected, for there is quite enough work on this side to keep them busy. We would like very much to see a Victoria Municipal Council, as well as a Kowloon one. The Governor of the Straits Settlements, a colony no larger than this, does not find his duties insufficient, his dignity impaired, nor his powers usurped, because Singapore and Penang both have elective municipal councils. Yet Penang is scarcely a bigger place than Kowloon is now getting to be. In the meantime, there is no need to go excited about it, because those elected councils are ruled by Government men, they have not much more than advisory powers, and in this respect, the Kowloon Ratepayers' Association carries perhaps as much practical weight. So long as it is willing to do the work it is doing, and our Government is willing to consider its expressions of desire and opinion, Kowloon is not likely to have its real needs neglected more than the real needs of the Colony generally are neglected.

SIGNIERS.

Professor Sully, the psychologist, mentions in his memoirs meeting the Lady Welby who wrote a memorable article on "Sense, Meaning, and Interpretation" in the magazine called, *Mind*. It made a great impression upon us at the time for all who have to do with words, with exposition, and especially with controversy and polemics, must come to realize the subtle ways in which words react mainly mischievously upon our thinking. Abuses of language make for bad thinking. Words whose full significance is not realized make for misunderstanding. This same charming lady, whose philosophic intuitions were so marked, was the writer of the characteristic article in the 25th volume of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, on "Signs," in which she tries to establish a difference between semantics and signification. There are so many people in the world to whom clarity of thought is obnoxious that it is easy to understand why she sowed on a stony ground. One of her own illustrations will serve to suggest a source of opposition. "Some of us talk," she writes, "of the mystic and his mysticism, meaning by this, enlightenment, dawn heralding a day; others (more justly) mean by it the mystifying twilight, darkening into night." Dogmatic theology would be in trouble were fixed significance to be attached to the term *use*. Language is used to make vague emotions masquerade as thoughts. There is a soporific literature belonging to this cult. It is not merely that the historic meanings of some words have changed. That is semantics. It is that words whose meanings, purport, import, bearing, connotations, weight and values have not changed, are habitually loosely used and loosely read, the "general drift" of groups of them being enough for the ambition of most people. It is needless to add that "general drift" is a danger, so far as clear thinking is concerned. It is not the unfamiliar words that are misinterpreted, but the familiar, those which the rabble think they understand, and therefore never trouble to look up. Thought is confused, and error perpetuated, by such inexactitude. Thus the word "aw" probably still retains its proper significance, but the word "awful" no longer does. It is an "awful" nuisance. Lady Welby thought something could be done towards reform in education. We don't. Because as yet the race seems clearly and instinctively averse from thinking. Talking comes more naturally and easily.

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL HANDICAP.

THREE PRIZES PRESENTED.

The entries for the above Handicap will close on October 11. All entrance fees must be paid in before the drawing takes place. The first prize is a silver Cup valued at \$150, the second prize is a Cup presented by Gande Price and Co., and the third prize will be presented by A. S. Watson and Co. The prizes will be on view at the Hotel from to-day. The handicapping and draw will take place on October 12 by a committee, and play will commence on the 15th. In the earliest stages two games will be played nightly, commencing at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Witter Byner, the famous American poet, and Mr. Fiske a well-known American art collector, are both staying in Shanghai.

The death took place on August 5 at Hill near Narberth, Pembrokeshire, of Mr. Laurence Baugh Allen, formerly of H. M. Consular Service in China, at the age of 67 years.

The American Consul-General at Canton has written to the Police Bureau requesting that particular attention be paid to protection of American life and property in Canton.

Mr. H. W. Brazier, formerly a Commissioner in the Chinese Maritime Customs, died at Inverness on August 11. He was the third son of the late Professor Brazier of Aberdeen.

An alarming incident occurred at the British Legation in Peking a few nights ago, when Dr. Gray's automobile caught fire and was considerably damaged before the flames were extinguished.

The wedding took place at Tientsin on Saturday week of Mr. William Sparkle and Miss Frances Wroughton. Mr. Sparkle, who was stationed at Tong-han before the war, was awarded the M.C. and bar for his work at the front.

SIGNIERS.

Among the passengers arriving in Shanghai by the str. "Silesia" was Captain J. S. Flood, late Royal Naval Officer. Capt. Flood left Shanghai in August, 1915, saw much service on the Western Front and was twice wounded. He is accompanied by Mrs. J. S. Flood.

The Chefoo Correspondent of the N.C.D. Mail says there has been a big haul of opium trade there by the Customs from the str. "Hannover." The local report has it that most of it was found in the cabins of the officers. The quantity was so large that the rewards to the finders will run to about \$200 per head.

English-speaking policemen will be established in a special bureau in each police district of Tokyo in order to give every aid to foreigners, according to a decision of the police authorities there. The growing number of foreign visitors and residents is given as the cause. These police will also keep close watch over movements of suspected Bolsheviks.

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In connection with the Factory Law of Japan there are to be regulations for the compulsory insurance of workers against accident. It does not appear clear from the statements so far made on the subject whether the workers will themselves pay the premium, whether the employers will pay, or whether it will be shared between them. The new regulations are in preparation and will be laid before the Diet at the next session.

The marriage of Miss Eleanor White of Kobe and Mr. L. V. Chamberlain of Yokohama was solemnized in the chapel of Kobe College a week ago. Before her marriage Mrs. Chamberlain was a member of the Kobe College teaching staff. After a short honeymoon in western Japan, Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain will return to Yokohama to make their home. Mr. Chamberlain is on the staff of the International Banking Corporation.

In addition to a capacity list of passengers, Chief Steward J. E. Rooney of the "Shinyo Maru" was responsible for the welfare of 600 beetles consigned to the U. S. Department of Agriculture from Japan during the voyage to San Francisco. These insects were collected near Shimizu by Mr. C. P. Clatten, expert of the Department, and they are expected to be of much benefit to the farmers of New Jersey in feeding on a destructive beetle which has recently appeared there and is doing much damage to garden crops.

We notice that Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, of Hongkong, are advertising a book on "Modern Road Construction and Maintenance" by Mr. H. E. Goldsmith, whose previous work on "Road Construction and Maintenance in the Tropics" is all sold out, says the *Japan Chronicle*, Kobe. It is not in the tropics, though it is under grave suspicion for a couple of months every year, so it may be hoped that the new book will say something about roads in temperate climates. If Messrs. Kelly & Walsh would supply a mammoth edition bound in cloth in the Kobe Municipality it might be found useful for laying on our roads. We could not expect the city fathers to put themselves to the trouble of reading it.

COMPANY MEETING.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

GUILDS' DEMAND FOR INCREASED PAY.

IMPORTANT STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN.

The 39th ordinary general meeting of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company was held at noon to-day at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.

The Hon. Mr. John Johnston presided and there were present—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. G. W. Barton, (Directors), Mr. E. F. Aucatt, (Secretary), Mr. D. V. Stevenson, (Solicitor), Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, Messrs. G. C. Maxon, U. Rungjahn, Lo Man Hin, Ho Shai Kit, Ho Tang Ying, J. Bell Irving, N. L. H. Ralton, W. C. Connally, Li Yun Kung, Ho Ki, S. E. da Luz, R. H. B. Hancock, Ho Leung, S. E. Grimstone, S. E. dos Remedios, Yuen Hau Kin, Ho U. Shang, T. M. da Silva, R. E. Macdougall, P. C. Potts, R. J. Paterson, D. McMurray, A. M. da Silva.

The Chairman—Gentlemen.—As the time for which this meeting was called has passed, I will ask Mr. Aucatt to read the notice convening the Meeting and the Auditors' Report.

The notice and report having been read,

The Chairman said: Gentlemen,—The Report and Statement of Accounts, have been in your hands for some days, and with your permission, I will, as customary, take them as read.

The principal feature of the year under review, affecting as it did, all British shipping companies was the termination of the national control scheme. In the case of this Company the Government announced that our vessels would be released during the months of February and March 1919. Many of the Company's steamers were at that time running on Government account in distant waters and after their return to the China Coast, extensive overhauls were necessary before they were in fit condition to resume regular employment in these waters. The period of re-conditioning occupied a considerable time, and it was not until well into the Autumn that normal conditions were reverted to and the various services re-organized.

Speaking generally the freight situation on the China Coast during 1919 was satisfactory, especially in the North where there was a good demand for space. Southern business, however, was adversely affected by the restricted exports of rice from Indo-China ports and Siam, and the out-port was not improved when, towards the end of the year, news was received that the Siamese rice crop was an entire failure resulting in the total prohibition of rice shipments from the new flying centres in China and the Philippines. The party will run close watch over movements of suspected Bolsheviks.

As you are aware this Company follows the procedure adopted by the majority of shipping companies and insures its own vessels under particular average. Your Directors consider it advisable therefore to credit Underwriting Account with an adequate premium based on a re-evaluation of the fleet by Insurance Authorities to cover possible claims arising under particular average.

The reasons for these extra additions are that, with the present high cost of repairs, the loss of a steamer or series of accidents to our vessels would amount to so large a figure the balance at credit of Underwriting Account would probably be wiped out altogether.

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The claims have in the past been debited to Underwriting Account but no corresponding premium has been credited thereto and advantage of a good year has been taken to put this account on a footing which will better enable it to meet future calls.

I trust our action in this connection will meet with your approval.

In view of the need of acquiring new tonnage and the present high cost thereof, to which I have already referred, your Directors have decided, with your approval, to augment our Building Reserve Fund by the addition of a further \$100,000 bringing the amount now standing to the credit of this Account to \$323,130-17-6.

As called for under our Trust Deed £15,650, First Mortgage Debentures were redeemed during the period under review. Further, in view of the high rate of exchange ruling during the early part of 1920, and the favourable position in which the Company was placed thereby, your Directors also decided to avail of Clause 9 of the Trust Deed and give the required six months notice calling for the entire redemption of all outstanding Debentures amounting to \$104,880. It seemed to them obviously against the Company's interests to continue to borrow money at 5 per cent. when surplus funds were available, and you will doubtless fully approve of the action taken in this matter.

It is with much regret that your Directors have to record the loss of the ss. "Fausang," which steamer stranded on Hainan Head Reef on the 26th May last, subsequently becoming a total loss. She was a well-known and popular vessel usually employed in the Southern miscellaneous chartering trades and her loss is one which, though fortunately attended by no loss of life, is greatly deplored, especially at a time when the cost of replacement is at so high a level.

Since our last annual meeting your Directors have given constant and serious attention to the question of acquiring additional steamers for the Fleet. Prices of labour and material have advanced so enormously however, that our energies in this direction have had to be confined to immediate requirements only, and further tonnage is necessary to enable us to maintain our position on the Coast. Contracts have been entered into with well-known builders at Home for a new and up-to-date vessel for our Calcutta trade, also two additional steamers for the Coast, whilst a new Lower Yangtze River steamer is being built locally and arrangements have been made for the construction of a river steamer for the Ichang-Chungking Line, to assist in the development of the Upper Yangtze trade, which your Directors regard as one of great promise for the future. All these steamers, it is hoped, will be completed and ready for service next year.

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It will doubtless be of interest to you to know that in order to meet the growing needs of

viewed with satisfaction by our employees afloat.

Shareholders will doubtless again observe with satisfaction the further increased amounts shown in the Balance Sheet against "Investments" which now total £212,136-16-2. The sum of \$579,710-17-4 has been added to this account during the year under review and you will, I am sure, approve of the step taken by your Directors to avail of the high rates of exchange ruling by converting our silver revenue, as it became available, and investing as much of our surplus money as possible, in good sterling securities.

Applications from various Marine Charities have again been received and during 1919 the Company contributed amounts commensurate with the needs of each call. Such payments I feel sure will have your approval:

The fact that an agitation for increased pay is being supported by the two Coast Guilds does not preclude your Directors from once again placing on record their appreciation of the services rendered by the floating staff and Shareholders will no doubt wish to be associated with these remarks. Difficulties in connection with demands put forward by the Guilds are unfortunately causing us considerable concern (to these I will refer in a minute or two) but past services well rendered can and should be gratefully acknowledged.

This concludes what I may call the ordinary routine business of the meeting Gentlemen and I now arrive at the most difficult feature to be dealt with in the Chairman's annual remarks, to wit, Future Prospects.

The very sound financial position the Company finds itself in to-day is a matter for congratulation, in that it enables us to face the future with a certain degree of confidence in the knowledge that we have reserves to fall back upon. I would be failing in my duty however, were I not to call your attention to the reverse side of the picture.

Casual reference to the Accounts might lead one to think that we were in an unassailable position. This in my opinion is far from being the case and it will only be necessary for me to say that the present cost of one new Calcutta Steamer is almost as much as the original paid up capital of the Company to point this remark.

The life of our fleet, as the result of hard usage during the war, has been considerably shortened and in spite of thorough overhaul some of the older vessels will shortly have to be sold.

Competition—already very keen—is continually increasing, and is being encountered from sources which have hitherto never operated tonnage on the China Coast.

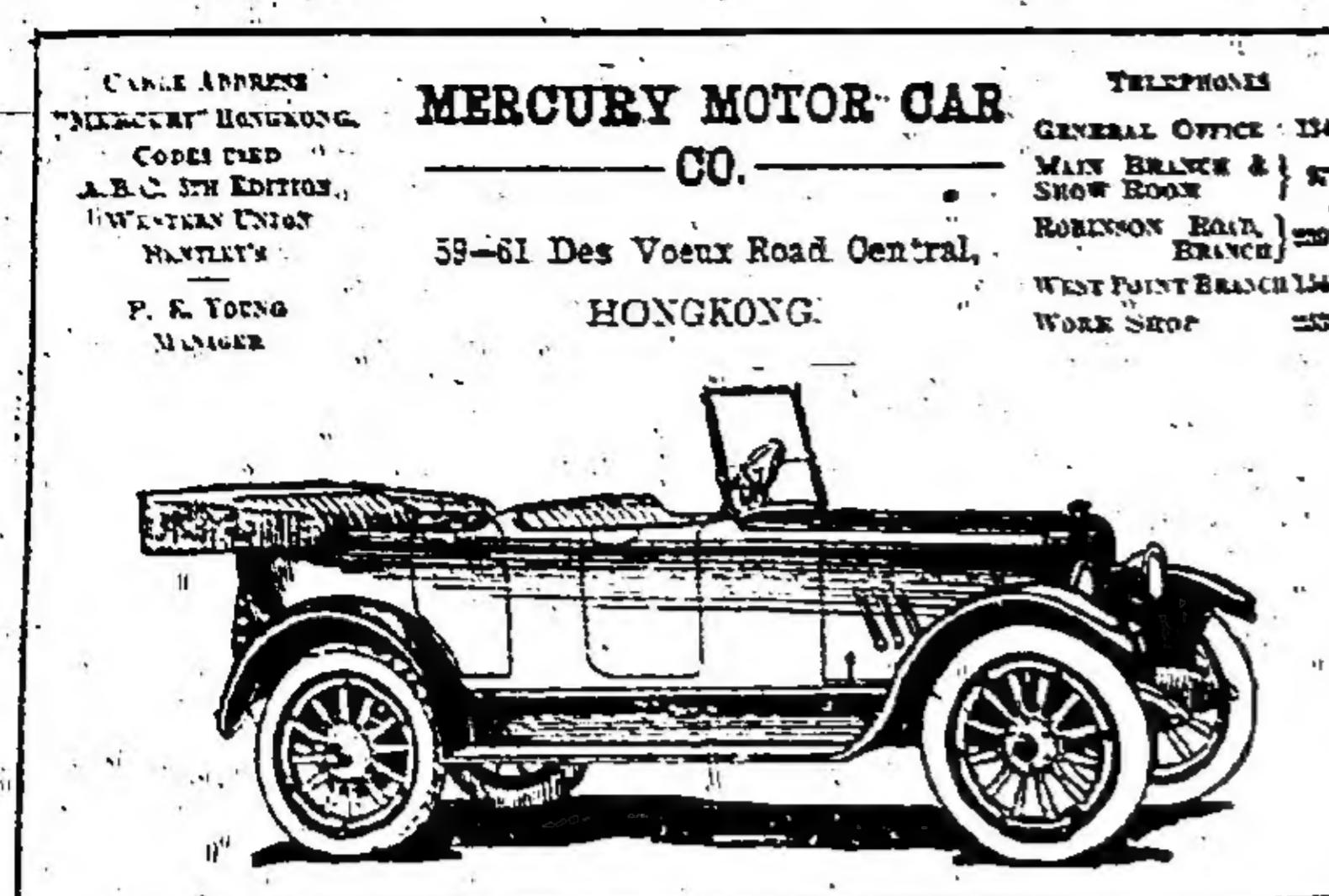
Rates as I have said before are, in more direction than one, already reduced to pre-war levels whereas running expenses, especially the cost of stores and repairs have advanced enormously, the price of coal continued at a very high level and permanent increases have had to be granted to both our European and Native Staffs to meet the higher cost of living.

The average person scarcely perhaps realizes the cost of operating tonnage nowadays, and whilst we are in a better position to hold our own with competitors, it is only right to point out that the increased cost of building (which must be undertaken if we desire to retain our position as a British Company on the China Coast) coupled with the added cost of standing charges and the certainty—to judge from present conditions—of lean years if not in 1920 in the near future, renders the position extremely difficult and indicates that reserves will shortly be required to keep us going.

Finally, Gentlemen, I must express regret that it has not been possible to present the accounts earlier this year. Certain matters in connection with the requisition of our vessels by the Government are still outstanding and the Accounts connected therewith are therefore not closed to a final point. We are, however, already well advanced with the 1920 Accounts and there is every prospect of holding our next annual meeting before the close of the half-year.

I now have pleasure, Gentlemen, in proposing the following Resolution—

"That the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented, including the Transfer of £100,000 to Floating Staff Pension Fund, £100,000 to Building Reserve, £40,000 to Underwriting Account, also the payment of a Final Dividend of Three Shillings (3/-) on the Preferred and £2-10-0 on the Deferred Shares be adopted, and that the sum of £8,099-2-3 be carried forward to next year's account. The Dividend on Shares on the Hongkong Register will be paid at Exchange 4/4."



COMPANY MEETING.

(Continued from page 4.)

Mr. Rumjahn: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I have listened with considerable pleasure to the unusually interesting speech and on behalf of a large number of shareholders I congratulate the Directors, General Managers and staff for the efficient manner in which they have conducted the affairs of the Company during the past year. I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, there being no questions, the resolution has been proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Rumjahn. Those in favour kindly vote in the usual manner. Against? Carried unanimously. The next business before the meeting is the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Lang as director.

Hon. Mr. Ho Fook: Mr. Chairman, I beg to propose the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. A. O. Lang as a Director.

Mr. McMurray: I beg to second that.

The Chairman: It has been proposed by Mr. Ho Fook and seconded by Mr. McMurray that Mr. A. O. Lang be appointed as a Director of the firm. Those in favour kindly vote in the usual manner. Against? Carried unanimously. The next business before the meeting is the re-election of a Director.

Mr. Moxon: Sir, I beg to propose the re-election of Sir Robert Ho Tung as Director.

Mr. Hancock: I beg to second.

The Chairman: It has been proposed by Mr. Moxon and seconded by Mr. Hancock that Sir Robert Ho Tung be re-elected a Director. Those in favour please vote. Against? Carried unanimously. The next business before the meeting is the re-election of auditors.

Mr. Ho Leung: I beg to propose the re-election of Mr. A. R. Lowe and Mr. E. A. M. Williams as auditors at a remuneration of \$5,000 per annum.

Mr. P. C. Potts: I beg to second that.

The Chairman: It has been proposed by Mr. Ho Leung and seconded by Mr. P. C. Potts that Messrs. A. R. Lowe and E. A. M. Williams be re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$5,000 per annum. Those in favour kindly vote in the usual manner. Against? Carried unanimously.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, that concludes the ordinary routine business of the meeting except to state that owing to a delay on the telegraph lines and failing to get a reply from London agreeing to the register, the issuing of dividend warrants is not at the moment possible. We hope to be in a position to issue them in the course of to-morrow.

OFFICERS AND ENGINEERS GUILDS.

The Chairman proceeded: Gentlemen, I take it that most shareholders present to-day are aware that the Company is again faced with the prospect of trouble in the ranks of our floating staff caused by demands put forward by the Guilds for a further increase of pay.

The whole question is in the opinion of the Board of Directors, not only of vital interest to our shareholders themselves, but also of considerable importance to the general public as it affects, and seriously so, the future of a local Company of much value to British trade in the East.

At the risk of wearying you therefore, I take this opportunity of making a statement of the position, which I trust will be of interest not only to you, as shareholders, but also to the general public who in the event of a strike may desire to have the facts of the case before them.

In May 1916 an Adjustment Board was formed in Shanghai to settle a dispute between the China Navigation Co. and ourselves on the one part and our respective floating staffs on the other and, as a result of that Award—which expired on 31st December 1919—certain increases of pay and other concession were given to our employees.

In 1917, in conformity with the decision arrived at the previous year, the payment of Pensions was inaugurated. You will, I am sure, appreciate the advisability of establishing a fund to provide for such outlay, and as normal conditions following the close of the War, were resumed during the year under review, the present occasion was considered opportune by our Directors to ask your sanction to the passing of the resolution setting aside out of the earnings of the Company a sum of \$100,000 for the purpose mentioned.

Figures were supplied in support of my arguments which, now condensed, briefly show that the average wages per annum during the 5 pre-war years 1910/1914 inclusive, amounted to £26,593,000 representing 41.65% of the earnings of the steamers and 70.8% of the net result to the Company.

The following are the Dividends paid by the Company on its Deferred Ordinary Shares for the 3 years mentioned:

1910	Nil
1911	"
1912	"
1913	5%
1914	3%

Dear Sirs.—With reference to your Circular letter of the 16th inst., it has been decided by the members of my Guild to accept the conces-

You will therefore see that with wages averaging in pre-war years £56,593 per annum, and freights ruling on a very low level, the Company was able to pay but very poor returns to shareholders. The wages during the year 1919 amounted to as high as £248,778 added to which there were various additional concessions such as Pensions, Home Leave and pay and passages, bringing the total up to £266,150, or 30 per cent of the earnings of the steamers and 63 per cent of the net result to the Company. In other words the increase in the amount paid to and on account of the floating staff in 1919 over the average pre-war years mentioned amounts to no less than £199,507 per annum.

An advance statement of the concessions the two Companies were about to grant to the Fleet was made (these concessions were eventually granted in August this year) and the meeting terminated. I hope and have every reason to think in the understanding on the men's part that I had stated the case fairly as well from their point of view as from yours.

I will now read to you the Circular giving notice of the concessions granted to our men issued on 16 August 1920, because I also intend to read the Guilds' replies thereto, as in my opinion they confirm our contention that no consideration other than that of immediate gain for themselves at present dictates their policy.

The following is the Company's Circular:

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

FLOATING STAFF.

Hongkong, 16 August 1920. Dear Sir.—The following records certain concessions to the Captains, Officers and Engineers in the Company's service in the matter of Pay, Leave and Pensions, which you will please be good enough to note and convey to the Engineers and Officers serving under your command.

Pay.—Married members of the Staff having Wives or Children (not exceeding the age of 17 years each) resident in the East will be granted an increase of Ten per centum (10 per cent) on their Dollar Pay. Effective from 1st January 1920. This is in lieu of a house allowance.

Leave.—Nine months' Leave when granted will carry with it Six months' full Sterling pay. Effective from 1st January 1920.

Passage.—As per Circular dated 4th February 1920, free passages having been accorded to the Wives of Captains, Chief Engineers, Chief Officers and Second Engineers, the principle of free passages has now been extended to all grades and to cover two Children (not exceeding 17 years of age each).

Pensions.—The following scale now applies:

Retiring after	Masters	Chief Engineers	2nd Chief Officers
30 years' Service	£250	£230	£100
29 "	232	232	95
28 "	216	216	90
27 "	204	204	85
26 "	194	194	80
25 "	188	188	75

To those actually domiciled and resident in China after retirement Pensions will be paid at the following exchange:—Half the Sterling amount at 1s. 9d. to the Dollar, and the other half at current rates not exceeding 2s. to the Dollar.

Safe Navigation Bonus.—Will be granted to Captains in the Company's Service when in command, namely £40 per annum payable when earned quarterly at the rate of exchange of half at 1s. 9d. and half at current rates but not exceeding 2s. Effective from 1st January 1920.

Chief Engineers.—The increase in pay granted on the 1st January 1920, to Chief Engineers as per Circular issued on the 4th February 1920, is made retrospective as from 1st January 1919.

Chief Engineers who entered their Sixth year of service in 1919 are entitled to pay at £25. 10. 0. per month, and those who entered their Eleventh year of service in 1919 are entitled to £49. 0. 0. per month from date of beginning their respective years of service.

Chief Engineers having arrears thus accruing will be paid the amount due to them on application.

Staff on Transfer or Waiting Appointments.—Suitable Hotel or other accommodation will be provided in accordance with the rank of the person concerned, or failing this the Company will at their option grant the following allowance:—

To Masters and Chief Engineers £6 per day.
To Lower Grades £5 per day.

Yours faithfully,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,
Indo-China Steam Navigation
Co., Ltd.

THE MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.

Shanghai, August 19, 1920.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson
& Co., Ltd.,

Indo-China Steam Navigation
Co., Ltd.

Cable Address—

CHINA.

Dear Sirs.—With reference to your Circular letter of the 16th inst., it has been decided by the members of my Guild to accept the conces-

sions made, but with the following modifications:

Pay.—30 per cent. increase for all grades.

Home Leave.—Full pay for 9 months in Shanghai instead of six.

Staff on Transfer or Waiting Appointments.—An allowance of £6 per all grades.

Complement of Engineers.—A fourth engineer to be carried on all ships.

I have been instructed to inform you that the above terms are the minimum which can be accepted; and if you feel you cannot accede to them, I am to request that you will kindly call the Adjustment Board into operation under the provisions of Clause 1 of the Agreement of the 12th May, 1916.

As this question has been pending for so long, and has become acute, I shall be obliged if you will let me have a reply at your very earliest.—Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) J. WATSON.
Secretary.

Hongkong, October 6, 1920.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the "LARSEN" Subscription Griffins ordered for subscribing Members have been shipped from Tientsin per S. S. "CHIP SHING" and are due to arrive here TOMORROW, THURSDAY morning 7th instant, and will be drawn for the Jockey Club Stables.

R. J. PATERSON,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, October 6, 1920.

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE FOURTH GYMKHANA MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at the HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9th, commencing at 3.30 P.M.

The Charge of Admission will be \$1.00 for others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club or Gymkhana Club.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform Half Price.

The Committee invite the LADIES of Hongkong to be present.

Hongkong, October 6, 1920.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the cosigner),

on WEDNESDAY, October 13, 1920, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 4, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

WHITE GOODS, &c., &c.,
Comprising:—

Pillow Cases, Quilts, Turkish Towels, Bath Towels, Bath Sheets, Double Bed Sheets, Brawnwork Bedspreads, Table Covers, Crochet and Drawwork Doilies, Table Cloths, Linen Damask Serviettes, Also

A few lots of Kit Bags, Suit Cases, and Attache Cases, etc.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, October 6, 1920.

(for account of the cosigner),

on WEDNESDAY, October 13, 1920, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, BRASS, TEAKWOOD TWIN BEDSTEAD AND BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, CARPETS, &c., &c., &c.,

comprising:—

Castfield Sofas, Arm-chairs (new), Folding Card and Occasional Tables, One Upolstered Suite, Bedroom Furniture, comprising Teakwood Twin Bedsteads, large and small Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, and Chairs, Wash-stands, (joined Teakwood), Side-boards, Oliver Wagons, Extension Dining Tables, and Chairs, &c., &c., Dinner services, Crockery, and Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Utensils, &c., Bath-room Utensils, Electro-Plated Ware, Electric Bedding Lamps and Fans, Blackwood and Teakwood screens, a quantity of blackwood Furniture, Side Tables, Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures, Carpets, new and second-hand, Also

Three American Ice Chests, 1 Piano in good condition and several lots Tennis Balls, &c.

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, October 6, 1920.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, October 14, 1920, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

The Motor Yacht "IRENE", Built 1916. Had very little usage.

Hall Teakwood.
Length, water line 29' 0" over all 35' 4".
Beam 7 ft.
Draft 3 ft.

Motor "Scripta" Heavy Duty 14 H. P. Complete with lavatory, refrigerator, suit of sails and all accessories.

Print and foil particulars may be had from the undersigned.

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, October 6, 1920.

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THE INTERPORT MATCHES.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Cricket Club was held last evening in the Club-house. Mr. F. Maitland presided and was supported by the following members of the Committee: Messrs. T. E. Pearce, R. Hancock, G. R. Sayer, C. Blaker, Capt. Gray, and Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Hon. Secretary).

There were about twenty-five members present.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the annual report and accounts having been in your hands for several days I will, with your permission, take them as read. There appears to be no particular cause for comment except that I think we may congratulate ourselves in now being free of debt and able to start the year with a credit balance in the bank.

Last year I suggested that it could not be long before we should have to build a new pavilion. I think you will agree with me that we already need it and the financial position of the Club being what it is, there seems no reason why we should not go ahead. You have received a circular setting forth a rough idea of ways and means, the chief of which is our increased subscription list, which I hope is not likely to decrease, rather the reverse, and I trust you will presently be able to give us your considered decision on the matter.

You will be pleased to hear that a telegram has been received this morning from Singapore reading: "Secretary Cricket Club Hongkong. Accept cricket. Details follow. Deson Singapore." So it is now pretty sure that there will be a triangular contest between Shanghai, The Straits, and Hongkong on 8th November next. (Applause.) Mr. R. Hancock has kindly consented to look after the Team Selection Committee, and with the aid of Col. L. Humphrey and Mr. W. D. Jupp, I think we may rely on getting the best team possible put in the field, provided all aspirants to Inter-port honours will give as much time as possible to practice and thus let the Committee have a chance of judging their merits. The other cricket clubs in the Colony were asked two weeks ago to invite likely players to come and practise at our nets, so I am sure all will have a fair chance.

Your Committee have also appointed Housing and Entertainment Committee and I ask that anyone who has a spare room will be kind enough to offer to put up a visitor and give his name to either of the following gentlemen who form the Housing Committee: Mr. J. H. Ramsay, Mr. J. Benley, Mr. A. O. Brown and Major D. L. Harding.

The annual tennis tournament was a great success and during the summer the game has been well kept up. Let us hope that the Club will next spring have a worthy representative to tackle Mr. Na Sze Kwon, Hongkong's Champion for three years—it will take a really good man to lower his colours. I have to inform you that the late Monsieur R. de Journe presented a Challenge Cup to the view, in getting the debentures Club shortly after the termination of the last tournament and left your Committee to decide on terms. They settled on a single championship open, only to members of the Club, so that in the Spring Competition there will be both a Club Championship and an open Championship.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and statement of accounts and I shall be pleased to answer any questions members may wish to put after the proposal has been seconded.

Mr. J. H. Ramsay seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Chairman: Gentlemen.—The next business before us is the election of officers for the coming year. We take up debentures before putting all very much regret the death of Mr. F. H. Thomas whose sound advice was of great value to the Club. The following names for your Committee have been submitted to a very good reason for the Club to you add in the event of there being no others proposed, I will ask you to approve of them. They are: Messrs. T. E. Pearce, R. Hancock, G. R. Sayer, C. Blaker, H. A. Nisbet, R. L. N. Wodehouse, Major Bagnall, R. G. A. May, H. S. Colegate, R. N. W. D. Jupp and myself.

It did not show that sufficient interest was being taken in the matter. With regard to debentures he thought that it was the experience of most of the Club who borrowed money on debentures that they had eventually to increase the subscriptions for the redemption of the same and subscriptions would fail. At the present time the Club was in a very promising financial position but he did not think that that would be likely to continue. There was a large influx in the membership during the last year but he did not think that such would continue in the future. The policy of most of the sporting Clubs seemed to be one of construction instead of re-construction. It was re-construction that was wanted and he suggested that they proceed on cheaper lines and get a higher standard of sport.

Mr. Hamilton said he would like to propose that the new club be constructed on the same lines as the old Club. He understood that there was to be a lounge and reading room and card room. Would it not be a mixed club?

The Chairman replied that with regard to Mr. Sewell's remark there was no idea of increasing the subscription to meet the cost of the new pavilion. It could easily be met without putting up the subscription. They had thought of the new pavilion for many years and he did not agree that the subscription would go back. They would go forward. As regards Mr. Hamilton's remarks he thought that the idea was to run the Club much on the same lines as at present. There would certainly be a room for the young men to spend their time in, but that was a thing for the Committee to settle. They could not lay a hard and fast rule as to who should go there. He thought it would rather be unfair to ask that. Did Mr. Hamilton suggest that ladies be admitted to the pavilion?

Mr. Hamilton said that that was so.

Mr. Hancock: On what occasions?

Mr. Hamilton replied that Clubs in the F.M.S. allowed ladies in on all occasions, same as the U.S.R.C.

Mr. Hancock said that the intention of the Committee was to run the Club as before and wished to know from Mr. Sewell what his ideas on reconstruction were.

Mr. Nisbet replied that he meant the reconstruction of sport and not the expenditure of such a large sum of money on a new pavilion.

Mr. Hamilton said that it was not a question of reconstruction at all.

They wanted a bigger building as the membership was increased and as the Colony was growing the whole time. More members would join. He did not agree that more members would not join.

Mr. Sewell replied he did not think they would have such a fine financial year as the one they had. The junior members did not appear to be interested in the Club, otherwise they would have been present at the meeting. It was absurd to spend such a large sum of money for the junior club idea when no interest was shown and they must also take into account the large proportion of older members. They needed better bathing accommodation and a better pavilion, but he did not see the necessity for using so much money. It was essential that they should have a better pavilion. Alterations would only cost \$15,000.

The Chairman: I beg to propose that this meeting of members of the Hongkong Cricket Club approve the building of a new pavilion.

Mr. R. E. O. Bird: I will second it if the new pavilion is run on the lines of the present one.

The Chairman: There is no idea of making it a junior club. We need a pavilion with better accommodation to give the young fellows a chance of sitting down and having a drink. What is your objection?

Mr. Bird: I do not think we should build a card room there.

The Chairman: I do not think the Club will be up before the new annual meeting. The incoming Committee will take your remarks into consideration.

Mr. Bird: I second it on the understanding that the new pavilion will be built on the lines of the old pavilion on a larger scale with new ideas thrown in.

The Chairman: I propose the motion. Is there anyone to second it?

Mr. Bird: Can then put his amendment and we can take the feeling of the meeting in regard to the card room.

Mr. Nisbet: Is there a plan?

The Chairman: Oh, yes, we had it for some time.

Mr. Nisbet: Then I submit that the plan he approved and the pavilion be built in accordance with the plan.

The Chairman: Is there anyone seconding my motion?

Mr. Nisbet seconded it.

Mr. Sewell moved an amendment to the effect that the present club premises be enlarged on the same lines as it now stood and that all provisions be made for larger bathing accommodation and other accommodation generally, and that an estimate be got and that the same be put before another meeting.

As there was no seconder to Mr. Sewell's amendment, the Chairman's proposition was put forward and carried unanimously.

The Chairman then proposed

That the Incoming Committee of the Hongkong Cricket Club are hereby authorized to issue debentures of \$50 each up to the number of

thousand bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum. Said debentures to be redeemable after five years from date of issue by annual drawings. A minimum number of fifty debentures to be redeemed annually, more if funds will allow.

Mr. G. M. Shaw seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

An extraordinary general meeting, to after certain rules, followed.

The Chairman said that in view of the building of the new pavilion it

was felt that non-playing members

should pay an entrance fee. The old

rules were badly planned and there

was no provision for an old non-

playing member, who did not pay

an entrance fee, on becoming a play-

ing member having to pay such fee.

The altered rules would also assist

the Hon. Treasurer in collecting

subscriptions. He proposed:

(1) That Rule 12 should be amended to read:—"All playing and non-playing members, not being subscribers, shall pay an entrance fee of twenty dollars. Any non-playing member who wishes to become a playing member and who previous to the enactment of the above rule has not paid an entrance fee shall, on becoming a playing member, pay a fee of twenty dollars."

Mr. H. E. Hollands seconded.

Mr. Nisbet thought \$20 rather too high as non-playing members got no benefit except watching games.

The Chairman said that they had the option of becoming playing members.

Mr. Nisbet said that \$10 would be sufficient.

Mr. Bird moved an amendment, that non-playing members should pay \$10.

Mr. T. Dallin seconded.

The Chairman said that one of the reasons for fixing it at \$20 was because they were getting a new pavilion.

Mr. Pearce wished to know if a non-playing member, who paid \$10, had the same privileges in running the club.

The Chairman replied that they always had a non-playing member on the Committee. There was no rule against a non-playing member having the same vote as a playing member.

The amendment was put to the meeting and was lost, 10 voting for and 13 against. The original motion was carried.

The Chairman proposed:

(2) That Rule 13 should be amended to read:—"The annual subscription for playing members shall be \$24, \$12 payable on the 1st September and \$12 on the 1st January. Non-playing members shall pay a season's subscription of \$10 due on the 1st September."

Mr. J. H. Ramsey seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman proposed:

(3) That an additional Rule (No. 18A) be inserted to read:—"Accounts of members, non-playing members and subscribers shall be made up and sent in at the beginning of each month and should any account be unpaid at noon on the 15th day of the following month the name of the member, non-playing member or subscriber owing the same shall be posted in the pavilion and if at the expiration of one month thereafter his account shall be unpaid he shall cease to be a member, non-playing member or subscriber owing the same shall be posted in the pavilion and the little tots from the Portuguese families in Kowloon congregated in their scores on the lower tennis lawns of the Club and with them were their numerous friends from the Hongkong side. Improvised sports, running, jumping, and skipping were got up for the children's amusement and the little ones entered into the spirit of the day's rejoicing with perfect abandon. Willing attendants composed of a large number of the younger members of the Club saw to the children's delectation in the ample provision of cakes, ices, and light refreshments. Every child who took part in the afternoon's sports was presented with a prize. Every body won and none lost. The scene was one that gave delight to the older members who helped to provide for the children's treat.

It was left for the evening when the sun had set and lights were on, for the triumph of Xavier and Silva's efforts to elicit the largest need of admiration. Never did any spot in Kowloon, pretty as the Peninsula is, look so beautiful as did the pavilion

of the Club da Recreio and its environments last night. Well indeed, might it be described as a real beauty spot of Kowloon on this festive occasion. The hand kiosk, to which reference has already been made, presented the appearance of a jewelled casket, reminding one of Queen Victoria's Statue on the evening of the memorable Peace Celebration Day. Electric lights encircled the stand rails as well as the pedestal. Overhead, what appeared like steamers of brilliant lights converged at the central summit above the musicians, discoursing music for those "reading the light fantastic toe." The pavilion itself was picked out in electric lights so that the entire facade of the building was brilliantly outlined against the dark hill, surmounted by the Royal Observatory. Over the porch of the pavilion the globe (the central figure of the Portuguese national emblem), designed on a star, shone out in a blaze of lights which showed up the symbol most effectively. On one side the legend "1910" and on the other "1920" stood out in bold relief on the eaves of the roof proclaiming, in the first case, the birth and, in the second, the age of the Portuguese Republic. In the middle of the eaves in Europe, returning to China after the close of hostilities,

PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

CELEBRATION IN HONGKONG.

The tenth anniversary of the Portuguese Republic was celebrated in Hongkong yesterday with more than the usual zest. The two Portuguese Clubs, the senior institution (the Club Lusitano) in Hongkong and the Club da Recreio at Kowloon, combined, each in its own premises, to observe the day in a manner worthy of the patriotic fervour of the Portuguese in Hongkong. So large is the number of our fellow-citizens of our oldest

members and their numerous guests. By

any combination, as a large number

of members of one club belong to

the other, subscriptions for the enter-

tainments were reciprocally exchang-

ed between the members of the two

friendly institutions, resulting in the

celebrations being carried out on a

scale of excellence which does great

credit to the promoters.

For more than a week past the

special sub-Committee appointed to

organize the festivities at the Club

da Recreio have devoted much time

and attention to decorating the little

Club building, with the objects of

securing the best results in a general

scheme of decoration and illumination

s. Mr. O. M. S. Oliveira must be

given the palm for the excellence of

his design and the effective

carrying out thereof under his

personal supervision, able assist-

ed by Messrs. A. Gutierrez, B. M.

C. da Cunha, J. M. V. dos Re-

mendos, and M. A. Simoes; Messrs.

G. A. da Silva and P. A. and R. G.

Xavier were responsible for the very

effective illuminations. The scheme

had for its general outlines the

encircling of the Club grounds with

light bamboo trellis-work with

arched gaps at intervals, the main

entrance being in front of the gate

way on Nathan Road. A profusion

of national flags, conspicuous among

them being the Union Jack and the

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND
PASSENGERS.
PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

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AMERICAN PORTS.

VANCOUVER.

Oct. 10.—W. L. Maquin.
12.—O. S. K. Arizona Maru.
13.—D. L. Meville Dollar.
13.—W. L. Nile.
15.—O. S. K. Manila Maru.
21.—C. P. O. S. Empress of Russia.
25.—D. L. Harold Dollar.
26.—O. P. O. S. Montezuma.
28.—A. L. Eldridge.
Nov. 8.—C. P. O. S. Empress of Japan.
17.—A. L. Wheatland.
18.—C. P. O. S. Empress of Asia.
Dec. 1.—C. P. O. S. Montezuma.
Jan. 15.—O. S. K. Empress of Asia.
Feb. 10.—O. P. O. S. Empress of Russia.
Mar. 13.—C. P. O. S. Empress of Japan.
31.—C. P. O. S. Empress of Asia.

VICTORIA.

Oct. 10.—W. L. Maquin.
12.—O. S. K. Arizona Maru.
14.—N. Y. K. Manila Maru.
15.—A. S. K. Manila Maru.
16.—W. L. Nile.
17.—A. L. Eldridge.
Nov. 13.—N. Y. K. Toyama Maru.
17.—A. L. Wheatland.
28.—N. Y. K. Toyohashi Maru.
Dec. 14.—N. Y. K. Fusihimi Maru.

SEATTLE.

Oct. 10.—W. L. Maquin.
12.—O. S. K. Arizona Maru.
13.—W. L. Nile.
15.—O. S. K. Manila Maru.
21.—B. F. Eldridge.
Nov. 10.—N. Y. K. Toyama Maru.
17.—A. L. Wheatland.
28.—N. Y. K. Toyohashi Maru.
Dec. 7.—B. F. Tyndareus.
Jan. 19.—B. F. Teucer.
Feb. 14.—N. Y. K. Fusihimi Maru.
Feb. 8.—B. F. Ixion.

TACOMA.

Oct. 10.—W. L. Maquin.
12.—O. S. K. Arizona Maru.
13.—W. L. Nile.
15.—O. S. K. Manila Maru.
21.—A. L. Eldridge.
Nov. 17.—A. L. Wheatland.

PORTLAND.

Oct. 18.—A. L. Aboras.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Oct. 4.—P. M. S. Colombia.
8.—D. L. West Hibbard.
10.—S. & D. Eastern Trader.
12.—T. K. K. Siberia Maru.
21.—D. L. West India.
24.—T. K. K. Tevye Maru.
31.—C. M. S. Nanking.
Nov. 6.—C. M. S. Nile.
22.—N. Y. K. Shingy Maru.
24.—T. K. K. Peoria Maru.
27.—T. K. K. Korea Maru.

LOS ANGELES.

Oct. 13.—L. A. P. N. Vinita.
Nov. 4.—L. A. P. N. West Hixton.
Dec. 1.—L. A. P. N. West Montop.

VALPARAISO.

VIA JAPAN, HONOLULU, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN PEDRO, S. LIMA, CHILI, BALEAO, CALLAO, ARECA & IQUITO.

Nov. 8.—T. K. K. Seijo Maru.
9.—T. K. K. Tokyu Maru.
Jan. 10.—T. K. K. Eijo Maru.

NEW YORK.
(VIA PANAMA.)

Oct. 10.—S. T. Celtic Prince.
13.—A. L. Zidna.
15.—D. L. Melville Dollar.
18.—S. & D. Woonsocket.
24.—D. L. Harold Dollar.
30.—O. S. K. Manila Maru.
31.—O. S. K. Haze Maru.
Nov. 8.—O. S. K. Sumatra Maru.
15.—A. L. Tydareus.
24.—B. F. Teucer.
(VIA SZK.)
Oct. 14.—N. Y. K. Morikawa Maru.
Nov. 10.—A. O. General Church.
20.—B. F. City of Agric.
20.—B. F. Romeo.

BOSTON.

Oct. 18.—S. T. Celtic Prince.
23.—B. F. City of Agric.
20.—B. F. Romeo.

DURBAN AND CAPE TOWN.
(VIA BUENOS AIRES, RIO DE JANEIRO,
SANTOS AND MAGDEBURG.)

Nov. 2.—O. S. K. Canada Maru.

EUROPEAN POETS.

BRINDISI, VENICE, & TRIESTE.
Nov. 7.—L. T. (D. & C.) Africa.

GENOA.

Oct. 11.—B. F. Titan.
25.—B. F. Peleus.
Nov. 8.—B. F. Antilochus.
Dec. 20.—B. F. Demodocus.

MARSELLES.

Oct. 10.—P. & O. Narkus.
12.—M. M. Armed Behic.
12.—B. F. Eryppus.
22.—P. & O. Kassandra.
26.—B. F. Telamon.
Nov. 3.—B. F. Idomeneus.

AN AID TO DIGESTION.

WHEN you have a fullness and weight in the stomach after eating you may know that you have eaten too much and should take one of Chamberlain's Tablets to aid your digestion. For sale by all Chemists and Storeskeepers.

LAST "SON OF HEAVEN."

BOY EX-EMPEROR.

ANXIOUS TO VISIT EUROPE.

The ex-Emperor of China (Pu-Yi), who is 14, is anxious to visit Europe and the United States, but the uncertain political conditions in Europe render an immediate visit unlikely, says the Daily Mail.

The formal betrothal of Pu-Yi to the daughter of the President of the Chinese Republic (Hsu Shih-chang) may be announced before long.

Pu-Yi, the last "Son of Heaven," came to the Dragon Throne in 1908 when he was two. Since the Republican revolution in 1911 the boy has been virtually a prisoner in the Forbidden City of Peking. His education is in charge of an English tutor—the first European to be admitted to the mysteries of the Central Palace in Peking.

THE OLDEST I. O. U.

4,000 YEARS OLD.

BRITISH MUSEUM CLAY TABLETS.

Where is the oldest "I. O. U." known to historians?

The unpaid note, dating from 1962 B.C., found by Dr. Leon Legrain among the clay tablets at the University of Pennsylvania Museum, is not nearly as old as some in the British Museum, which go back to 2500 B.C.

An official of the Assyrian and Egyptian department told a Daily Chronicle representative that there were plenty of clay tablets recording the trading and loan transactions of this ancient civilization. Nearly all Babylonian deals were on tablets, and give details of the trading transactions, though they cannot strictly be described as 100%.

The bills of the Babylonians were presented in clay, and a glance at the guide for this department at the British Museum shows that some of them are more than 4,000 years old.

LONDON.

Oct. 1.—P. & O. Nankin.
11.—B. F. Shantou.
12.—B. F. Helens.
13.—E. L. Matopo.
16.—O. S. K. Argon Maru.
17.—B. F. Tsinan.
18.—N. Y. K. Shihmaru.
19.—B. F. Teucer.
22.—P. & O. Kachan.
23.—N. Y. K. Tsinan.
31.—B. F. Tsinan.
Nov. 3.—O. L. Tsinan.
4.—L. T. Tsinan.
5.—L. T. Tsinan.
12.—P. & O. West Harrava.
13.—P. & O. Novara.
14.—P. & O. City of Naples.
16.—B. F. Elpenor.
23.—B. F. Atreus.
28.—P. & O. Nellor.
Dec. 1.—B. F. Arapenor.
7.—B. F. Theseus.
10.—P. & O. Somali.
17.—P. & O. Deva.
21.—B. F. Pyrrha.
31.—P. & O. Sicilia.
Jan. 21.—P. & O. Machon.
21.—P. & O. Plassy.

HAVRE.

Oct. 7.—B. F. Eryppus.
Nov. 1.—B. F. Idomeneus.
2.—B. F. Peleus.
30.—B. F. Telemachus.

LIVERPOOL.

Oct. 7.—B. F. Eryppus.
11.—B. F. Titan.
26.—B. F. Peleus.
Nov. 3.—B. F. Idomeneus.
3.—B. F. Telemachus.
30.—B. F. Antilochus.
Dec. 7.—B. F. Telemachus.
14.—B. F. Orestes.
20.—B. F. Oedipodes.
31.—B. F. Hector.

ANTWERP.

Oct. 16.—O. S. K. Arapenor.
15.—V. Y. K. Mingha Maru.
17.—B. F. Peleus.
21.—B. F. Jason.
Nov. 23.—B. F. Kangu.
23.—B. F. Atreus.
Dec. 7.—B. F. Arapenor.

ROTTERDAM.

Oct. 7.—B. F. Eryppus.
19.—B. F. Teresia.
25.—J. C. J. L. Timarek.
26.—G. & S. Glensafe.
Nov. 16.—B. F. Elpenor.
Dec. 20.—J. C. J. L. Alchit.

AMSTERDAM.

Oct. 12.—B. F. Idomeneus.
12.—B. F. Peleus.
13.—J. C. J. L. Peleus.
21.—B. F. Jason.
31.—B. F. Jason.

COTTON MILLS.

Two Cottons ... T. 525.
Kung Yick ... T. 474.
Lau Kung Mow ... T. 184.
Oriental ... T. 184.
Shanghai Cottons ... T. 79.
Yangtze ... T. 79.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cements ... \$85.8.
China Borrows ... \$74.8.
China Light ... \$4.6.
China Provinces ... \$71.
E. K. Electric ... \$120.
Hongkong Hops ... \$71.
Hongkong Trans ... \$71.
Peak Transways (Ltd.) ... \$71.
Do. (New) ... \$71.
Stone Landscapes ... \$71.
West Points ... \$62.

HAMBURG.

Oct. 12.—B. F. Idomeneus.
12.—B. F. Peleus.
13.—J. C. J. L. Peleus.
21.—B. F. Jason.
31.—B. F. Jason.

Woolen Mills.

Woolen Mills ... \$71.

WEAVING.

COMPANY MEETING.

(Continued from Page 5)

I think you will agree with me, Gentlemen, that the tone of the letter in question leaves a good deal to be desired in a dispute of this nature and further evidence is forthcoming of unwarranted interference between employer and employee in a letter addressed to the General Managers by the Engineers' Guild, taking exception to my action in discussing in a private meeting with our own men their future, as well as that of the Company. The following is the letter in question:

THE MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.

Shanghai, August 11, 1920.

The Manager,
Indo-China S.N. Co.
Shanghai.

Dear Sirs.—With reference to the meeting which was held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Hongkong, to which the Floating Staff of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. was invited, I am instructed to point out to you, that this method of procedure in dealing with any matter submitted by the Guild was distinctly contrary to Clause 1 of the Agreement May 12, 1916. (Recognition of the Guild).

The fact that all the more important concessions offered affected only the older members of the Guild, while the question of a general increase was ignored, taken in conjunction with the privacy of the meeting referred to at which a threat of liquidation of the Company or change of flag was made, is considered by the members as a deliberate attack on the solidarity of the Guild, inasmuch as it is an incentive to the older and senior men to vote against any resolution which has for its object the pressing for a general increase, rather than jeopardise their standing in the Company and the consequent realisation of their carefully earned pensions—Yours faithfully.

(Signed) J. WATSON.

Now, Gentlemen, my decision to make these remarks to-day has not been taken lightly. Exceptional circumstances warrant exceptional treatment however, and your Directors are of opinion that both Shareholders and the general public should know the position and the probable consequences thereof.

I do not wish to appear unduly pessimistic, but at the same time I wish you to fully realise that with the information at their disposal—some of which I have given you to-day—your Directors are of opinion that we have reached the end of our tether and can give no more without seriously threatening the future solvency of the Company. As mentioned above, wages alone have advanced from £66,000 to £248,000 during War years, the increase being due to advances in pay and the higher rate of Exchange at which the Accounts have been converted, so that with the additional concessions since granted, our men cannot say that they have not received their fair share in the increased prosperity of the Company during the last few years.

If wages and concessions automatically diminished as earnings decreased, we could regard the future with more equanimity; unfortunately they don't and equally unfortunately, the cost of maintenance has arisen enormously, which makes the position even more difficult from a ship-owners' point of view.

No one can argue that a married man serving as Master for a period of 11 years who can earn approximately £83,000 during that time and who also qualifies for Pension and receives Home Leave pay and Passages, is not sufficiently well paid, nor can it be said that a junior Second Officer, Junior Chief Officer or Junior Master with mess found and who can allow himself out of his pay £100 per month for necessities and luxuries is badly treated—when at 4/- to the dollar he can remit to England £27, £35-12/- and £71 per month respectively, sums very much in excess of the actual wages paid at Home.

We engage the men, we pay them, we appoint them to their ships and if they prove themselves worthy of confidence, we offer them employment at a wage and with other concessions, which compare most favourably with those enjoyed by men serving in any other lines the world over.

As stated above, we are prepared to work with the Guilds but the Company's future must be kept in mind and safeguarded in every way. The action of the Guilds in circulating our men asking if they are prepared to support action to the "ultimo" is as destructive to amicable working as it is unwarranted.

Further, we do not propose to be dictated to by the Guilds as to whom we employ, where he is employed, or that he must be a member of the Guilds before he is employed, nor do we intend to dismiss from our service, as the Guilds would have us do, any member of our floating staff, who does not happen to be a member of any particular Guild. We are ready to meet the Guilds on all matters concerning the welfare of the men, within reasonable limits, but reserve to ourselves the right to know when these limits have been reached.

Finally, so long as any member or members of the floating staff of the

Indo-China Co. care to call at the Office of the Company to see me or any of my successors, to discuss their own or the Company's welfare, I refuse to surrender the right to see them, for in this manner alone can one ensure the personal sympathy which makes for good feeling between the Company and its employees.

The Chairman: If any gentleman has any remarks to make I should like to hear them.

Mr. Hancock: Mr. Chairman, I gather from your remarks which you have just made that having regard to the present requirements of the Company, future tonnage and very high capital expenditure, together with the increased cost of running expenses, it is the opinion of the Directors that they are unable to meet the demands made by the floating staff, which would increase the fixed charges of the Company, in the lean years which we have before us. As a shareholder I trust sincerely that your apprehensions with regard to lean years will be falsified but on the other hand I am bound to admit that all the indications at the present time point to reduced earnings and increased expenses and I fully realise that the Directors are unwilling in the present case to increase the fixed charges of the Company when they may not be able to meet them with any degree of ease in the future, especially as I gather from your remarks that the demands made are not altogether entirely justified. I appreciate very much, and I think we all do, the news which has prompted you to put the position before shareholders to-day and I am quite sure that shareholders will be agreeable to leave the matter in your hands, with the directors, to deal with in the manner which you deem best to the future welfare of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. (Applause.)

Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe: I should like to make a few remarks on the demands of the guilds for further pay to the floating staff. It seems to me that the Directors have put the position very fully and frankly before us and as Mr. Johnstone has said the men are not only paid a living wage but there is a good margin for saving, I think shareholders will support the Director's policy. It seems to me that the Directors are anxious about the future of the Company especially in view of the expected new competition on top of the recent shortage of freight. In addition to this we have to face heavy capital expenditure at high prices which may not be maintained at its cost value. That means abnormal depreciation. In the third place it seems there will be heavier running expenses especially repairs. Increased wages will add considerably to this burden. I think therefore that shareholders and the floating staff must realise that in these circumstances owners naturally want to go slow. Take it that loyal servants of the Company who are anxious for its welfare, with which their own is largely bound up, will realise it and in this case put it to their Guilds that this is not the time for such a demand to be made. I am not against Guilds as Guilds because I happen to be a member of one myself. I think shareholders will be very safe in leaving the position in the hands of the Directors at this time.

The Chairman: Has anyone else any remarks to make? I would like to thank Messrs. Hancock and Lowe for their appreciation of the remarks that I have just addressed to you.

As I said they are out of the way but the Directors considered that the position must be put before shareholders so that they should know where we stand in the event of trouble—which trouble I do not anticipate. I thank you.

A fresh movement is afoot among Japanese business men reviving the old cry that Japanese Consuls are hopelessly incompetent and do nothing for trade, supplemented by the statement that they are so wretchedly paid that nothing better can be expected. It is very deplorable, says the *Japan Chronicle*, but what with the German menace and the Russian menace, and the Chinese menace, not to speak of independence movements in Korea and headhunting expeditions in Formosa, Japan has to use over half her revenue for defence, and consequently cannot pay her consuls well, thereby failing to increase her trade, and missing a lot of revenue—but we are on the vicious old circle again and need not continue the discourse.

UP-TO-THE-MINUTE
MEN

are those who keep physically and mentally fit by judicious exercise, by the avoidance of excesses, and by watching that the system is always clean and in perfect running order. To such men and women too, Pintekets are of the utmost value because they prevent and cure constipation, that enemy to fitness which few can entirely avoid without cathartic aid.

The perfect laxatives, Pintekets, ensure due regularity, cure biliousness, liver, and headaches, faintness, and the cold breath and coated tongue arising therefrom. They prevent diarrhoea and dysentery and relieve piles. Of dealers and at 60 cents the vial, post free, from Dr. William's Medicine Co., 28 Suzhou Road, Shanghai.

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De Luxe	1.10	per	50
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INTERPORT CRICKET.

SINGAPORE ACCEPTS
INVITATION.

The acceptance of Singapore to participate in the interport cricket matches here gives the prospect of a week's cricket early in November, probably commencing on the 8th. The Singapore team will arrive here about November 6 by the s.s. "Somali."

If weather conditions permit the Hongkong cricketers will be playing a practice match on Monday, a Bank Holiday, it is probable that the Singapore team will arrive here about November 6 by the s.s. "Somali."

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